

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 9		NO MASS
Tuesday	Mar. 10	8:30 AM (SC)	+Carlton Miller
Wednesday	Mar. 11	6:00 PM (SP)	Rich Flores
Thursday	Mar. 12		NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 13	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
		5:30 PM (SP)	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Mar. 14	5:00 PM (SP)	+Margie, Victor, Peter, & Carl Kremer
Sunday	Mar. 15	8:30 AM (SC)	For our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 14 & 15, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/14	Dave Roach, Ron & Rosie Ryan
	3/15	Dan Cross, Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	3/14	Shelley Shepherd
	3/15	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	3/14	Bryce, Mason, & Megan Deutsch
	3/15	Alyssa Volk, Claire & Ben Meyer
Ushers	3/14	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	3/15	Rob Sticha, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/15	Frank Simons, Bonnie Theis, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	3/15	Laura Saarela
Altar Servers	3/15	Karley Vochoska, Monica Muelken
Ushers	3/15	Rick Sirek, Dave Koller
Greeters	3/15	Janet Ryan, Margaret Sharkey

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting people time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish office in advance and ask for a parish bulletin to be mailed to you. Keep up on parish events!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Mar. 9: Fr. Steven McMichael, Mar. 10: Fr. Benny Varghese, Mar. 11: Fr. Philip Merdinger, Mar. 12: Fr. Aaron Meszaros, Mar. 13: Fr. Frederick Meyer, Mar. 14: Fr. John Meyer, Mar. 15: Fr. Nathaniel Meyers.



Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

FROM DEACON HAYES

FASTING

Growing up, I never liked Lent. It usually meant no pop or candy. I remember one Lent I gave up chocolate. Pretty soon, it was only if something was purely chocolate—a Snickers bar did not count. Then it became only chocolate-flavored foods—Hershey's were now okay.



Mr. John Hayes

Needless to say, I did not fast very well that Lent. Lent is a time of penance, of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The purpose of penance is not so that we become scrawny hermits. Rather, we do penance in order to continue our inner conversion. This inner conversion is becoming what God created us to be. He created each of us individually with an individual plan for us. Part of that plan is helping us free ourselves from sin and to avoid sin in the future. Hence, we have fasting. Fasting is temporarily giving up something good in order to strengthen our will power so that when we are faced with the choice of sin we can more easily and freely say, "No." (Giving up sin is technically not fasting, especially since we should be giving up sin every day of our life.) It is strongest when we say "No" to something that we really like—I really liked chocolate when I was seven, probably more than I loved God. Fasting is saying to ourselves, "I like this, *and there is something better.*" Fasting is not meant to deny the goodness of things. In fact, it rather recognizes how good things are and that God gave them to us. However, we know that God is the greatest good that we could ever enjoy. This is the foundation of our hope in heaven, where we will be eternally happy with God. And so, to remind ourselves of this, we deny ourselves of earthly goods to open ourselves up for God's goodness.

Sometimes, our fasts like to "fight back". As a boy, I never really paid much attention to Hershey's; but when Lent came around, that Hershey's bar was the most delicious thing I had ever seen. This is quite common. The forbidden fruit always looks most appetizing. God permits these tests to humble us and to strengthen us. It was humbling to realize how much I could not say "No" to a Hershey's bar. It was God's way of letting me know how much I actually need Him in my weakness. It is only when we realize how much that we need His grace that we can grow stronger. We usually cannot stay faithful to our fasts by ourselves. We then ask God in prayer to give us the strength to stay true to our promise of fasting. It is actually by this reliance on Him where we come to know most fundamentally for ourselves how good God is.

Deacon John Hayes

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chad & Emily Sandey, Mitchell Sandey, John & Patricia Scheffler, Phillip & Leanne Scheiber, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Chris & Shelley Shepherd. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 27th, 5:00—8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child, 3 and under/free. Look for sign-up sheets in the back of church and on our face book page. Group II members please bring 2 dozen bars or cookies. Chairs: Tish Scheffler, 612-799-6496 and Rob Puncoschar, 612-499-3103. We, once again, received a matching \$600.00 grant from FCCLA! **Thank you FCCLA!!**

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, March 16th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE, sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W. will be held Saturday, April 4, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall. The sale will feature fresh-baked cinnamon and caramel rolls as well as home-baked items contributed by parishioners. In addition, home-party representatives and other vendors will make up the boutique portion of the event. All parishioners are asked to contribute baked goods for this event. Donated items can be dropped off Friday, April 3, 5:00—7:00 PM in the Social Hall and before 9:00 AM on April 4. We will need help with the bake sale portion of the event; a sign-up sheet is posted in the church entry. Please help make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community! Thank you.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 1, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,832.41
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 125.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk, Volunteers.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 1, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 985.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 100.00
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 70.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Dan Cross, Carol Williams (mother of Jan Sticha), Stephanie Prochaska, Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of

Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS are coming up the third weekend in March. If you would like to run, please contact John Cassady, 815-441-7558 (St. Patrick) or Deanna Vochoska, 651-303-8778 (St. Catherine).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 13th at 5:30 PM at St. Patrick Church.

FAITH FORMATION: A Study of St. Joseph, Sunday evenings, 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall, March 22nd to April 26th (except April 12th). Contact Dave Nelson @ 952-492-3402 or dmnang2@gmail.com

*Serve the Poor, Support Life,
Strengthen the Faith ---*

How will you give alms this Lent? Help those in need—go to GiveCSAF.org and donate today! Thank you from the 20 designated ministries of the CSAF! Questions about where exactly your dollars go when you give to the Appeal? Donated dollars come in and checks directly to the 20 designated ministries go out—it's truly that basic. Independent audit reports are available online at www.csafspm.org (under "About", "Financial Reports"). Still have questions? E-mail us at info@csafspm.org or call 612-294-6622.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 11	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Mar. 15	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Mar. 18	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Mar. 22	9:15 AM	Second grade Learning Centers. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 4	S.P.	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tue. Oct. 13	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 13, 4:30 PM—7:30 PM at St. Anne's School in LeSueur. \$12/adult, \$6/child, 4 & under/free. 507-665-2489.

S.W. Deanery C.C.W. Spiritual Day, Sat. Mar. 21, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM at St. Patrick's in Shieldsville. Speaker: Peter Connor, ("Rosaries by Peter"). Please bring an item for the silent auction.

Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast, Sun. Mar. 22 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM. Free-will donation. Proceeds benefit 8-yr.-old Gage Hoy of Lonsdale, diagnosed at age 3 with leukemia.